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**From:** "Jones, Russell" <Jones.Russell@epa.gov>  
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Bob:

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Russ

**From:** David Beaudreau <dbeaudreau@dclrs.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 10, 2018 11:09 PM  
**To:** Jones, Russell <Jones.Russell@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Biostimulants in the Farm Bill

Russ,

Keeping you in the loop.

The statutory language is pasted below and the accompanying report language is pasted below it. See attached on pages 10, 428 and 743 of the bill and page 190 of the Joint Explanatory Statement.

**SEC. 10111. REPORT ON PLANT BIOSTIMULANTS.**

*(a) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit a report to the President and Congress that identifies any potential regulatory, non-regulatory, and legislative recommendations, including the appropriateness of any definitions for plant biostimulant, to ensure the efficient and appropriate review, approval, uniform national labeling, and availability of plant biostimulant products to agricultural producers.*

*(b) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall prepare the report required by subsection (a) in consultation with the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, the several States, industry stakeholders, and such other stakeholders as the Secretary determines necessary.*

*(c) PLANT BIOSTIMULANT.—For the purposes of the report under subsection (a), the Secretary—*

*(1) shall consider “plant biostimulant” to be a substance or micro-organism that, when applied to seeds, plants, or the rhizosphere, stimulates natural processes to enhance or benefit nutrient uptake, nutrient efficiency, tolerance to abiotic stress, or crop quality and yield; and*

*(2) may modify the description of plant biostimulant, as appropriate.*

Report language:

"The Managers recognize the importance of plant biostimulants as an emerging technology for production agriculture. The Managers intend for the Secretary of Agriculture, in consultation with Administrator of the EPA, States, and relevant stakeholders, to provide a report to Congress that identifies any potential regulatory, non-regulatory, and legislative recommendations, including the appropriateness of any definitions for plant biostimulants. The Managers intend for this report to facilitate the regulatory framework for plant biostimulant products and ensure the efficient and appropriate review, approval, uniform national labeling, and availability of these products to agricultural producers."

The next steps are for the House to vote on the bill later this week, followed by a vote in the Senate perhaps early next week and then the President would have to sign it into law.

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